



California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Los Angeles Region



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Meeting Minutes

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board
March 9, 2006 Regular Board Meeting
Long Beach Water Department
Groundwater Treatment Plant
2950 Redondo Avenue, Long Beach, California

Item 1. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chair David Nahai at 9:18 a.m.

Board Members Present: Chair H. David Nahai, Vice Chair Fran Diamond, Susan Cloke, Bonny Herman, Mary Ann Lutz, Maribel Marin, F.W. 'Dick' Richardson, Leo Vander Lans

Board Members Absent: Brad Mindlin

Staff Present: Jonathan Bishop, David Bacharowski, Deborah Smith, Ronji Harris, Melinda Becker, Blythe Ponek-Bacharowski, Jack Price, Renee DeShazo, Deborah Neiter, Paula Rasmussen, Hugh Marley, Robert Sams, Stephen Cain, Laura Gallardo, David Hung, Cassandra Owens, Don Tsai, Kristie Chung, Arthur Heath, Elizabeth Erickson, Wendy Phillips, Thizar Tintut-Williams

Individuals who's Names Appear on the Sign-In Sheet

Mr. Steve Shestag, The Boeing Company, Canoga Park	Ms. Ann Heil, Los Angeles County Sanitation District
Ms. Heather Hoecherl, Heal the Bay	Ms. Teri Davis, City of Inglewood
Mr. Jeremy Carant, City of Oxnard	Mr. Ken Carter, City of Torrance Fire Department
Ms. Elizabeth Crawford, Physicians for Social Responsibility	Ms. Traci Minamide, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation
Mr. Steven Perkins, ERM-West, Inc.	Dr. Susan Paulsen, Flow Science
Mr. Paul Liu, City of Los Angeles DWP	Ms. Karina Hankins, Kinder Morgan
Ms. Inger Hodgson, The Boeing Company, Canoga Park	Ms. Christina Walsh, Clean Up Rocketdyne Organization
Mr. Gene Lucero, Latham & Watkins	Mr. Ernie Hahn, Latham & Watkins
Ms. Carolyn Keith, Exxon Mobil	Mr. Dane Jensen, Flow Science
Mr. Brian Lindquist, Physicians for Social Responsibility	Ms. Sharon Rubalcava, Weston, Benshoof LLP, Rep. The Boeing Company
Mr. Peter Massey, Tree People	Mr. Chris Jinhoff, Tree People

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Item 2. Award Presentation.

Chair David Nahai introduced Mr. Jeff Scott of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Region 9 Waste Management Division who presented an Award to the Los Angeles Regional Board's Underground Storage Tank Program.

Item 3. Order of Agenda.

The Executive Officer, Jonathan Bishop recommended Item 12 be continued to a future meeting, Item 14 be removed from the Consent calendar, and Item 20 be placed on the Consent calendar for approval.

MOTION: To approve Order of agenda.

First: Board member Dick Richardson

Second: Board Member Susan Cloke

Vote: Approved unanimously by vote

Item 4. Approval of January 19, 2006 draft Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: To approve Draft meeting Minutes for January 19, 2006 with edits as proposed by the Board.

First: Board Member Susan Cloke

Second: Board Member Mary Ann Lutz

Vote: Approved unanimously by vote

Item 5. Board Member Communications.

Vice Chair Fran Diamond attended a meeting with Pacoima Beautiful, Regional Board staff to discuss brown field issues in Pacoima and to clarify what some of the regional issues are.

Ms. Diamond also met with Commissioner Paula Daniels, Mr. Joe Mundane, and Board staff to discuss storm water prioritization issues in the City of Los Angeles, and the effort of the City to work together with Board staff to achieve these storm water priorities.

Board member Susan Cloke represented the Board at the opening of the Augustus Hawkins Wetlands Park; and was a Judge at the CH2M Hill Environmental Art Contest.

Board member Mary Ann Lutz attended and tour of Newhall Ranch with Stephen Cain, and Board Member Dick Richardson. Ms. Lutz also represented the Board at a Press Conference for the County Sanitation Districts in Santa Clarita related to the County's chloride levels and their program to replace water softeners in residences; attended a Meet and Greet with Mr. Mike Wang of Western States Petroleum with no specific topics of discussion. Lastly, Ms. Lutz reported that she and other Brownfield sub-committee members met who consists of Board member Brad Mindlin, and Board member Bonny Herman in addition to herself.



Executive Officer Jonathan Bishop indicated that it is likely that the Brownfield matters will be agendized for a future meeting, possibly the May 2006 meeting.

Item 6. Executive Officers Report

Report given by Jonathan Bishop, Executive Officer, and posted on the Board's website:
www.swrcb.ca.gov/~rwqcb4/html/eo_reports/eo_reports.html .

Item 6.a. Report from State Board by Mr. Jerry Secundy.

Mr. Secundy talked about personnel issues and vacancies up at the State Water Resources Control Board. Mr. Secundy commended the Board on the conduct of its Ex Parte Communications and encouraged the Board Members to continue to speak with Stakeholders within its Ex Parte Rules and Policies. Mr. Secundy gave an update to the Board on the Erase the Waste Campaign, and informed the Board about the historic joint meeting between the State's Air Resources Control Board and the State Water Resources Control Board on aerial deposition.

Item 7. Public Forum.

Ms. Tracy Minamede, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation

Mr. Jeremy Grant, City of Oxnard

Ms. Ann Heil, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County

Mr. Brian Lindquist, Physicians for Social Responsibility

Item 8. Uncontested Items Calendar.

MOTION: To deem non-controversial and approve Agenda Items 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 20

First: Vice Chair Fran Diamond

Second: Board Member Dick Richardson

Vote: Approved by unanimous vote

Item 14. City of San Buenaventura Time Schedule Order.

Staff Report:

Ms. Blythe Ponek-Bacharowski, Senior Engineering Geologist, Watershed Regulatory

- Purpose of the Time Schedule Order
- Time Schedule Order is good until the end of December 2006
- Provided background information
- Concerns of the public commenter
- Staff's responses to the comments received

Public Comment:

Ms. Kirsten James, Heal the Bay

Mr. Don Davis, City of Ventura



MOTION: To approve staff's recommendation, with change sheets.

First: Board Member Leo Vander Lans

Second: Board Member Mary Ann Lutz

Vote: Approved by unanimous vote

(Board Member Bonny Herman left the meeting at approximately 11:10 am, and therefore did not vote on this matter.)

Item 17. Supplemental Environmental Project List.

Staff Report. Mr. Hugh Marley

- Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) qualifications criteria
- SEP List update
- Proposed SEP List today consists of 31 SEPs spread through 6 watersheds

Public Comment:

Ms. Dana Bean, Representing S.T.A.R., Inc.

- S.T.A.R. , Inc. has been in existence since 1986, and S.T.A.R. Ecostation as a component environmental program has been in existence since 1997
- Now have 10,000 students through S.T.A.R. education program
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Board questions/comments:

- The Board requested more information on S.T.A.R., Inc.
- Inquired about S.T.A.R.'s Public Outreach efforts
- How much the Star program focuses on Water Quality?
- Where has S.T.A. R. received its funding from thus far?

MOTION: To approve the SEP List with an amendment of \$200,000 for one year.

First: Board member Susan Cloke

Second: Board Member Dick Richardson

Vote: Approved by unanimous vote.

Item 18. Basin Plan Amendment to approve Permit Specific Variances.

Staff Report. Renee DeShazo

- Background on mineral quality objectives
- Dischargers have requested de-designation of the MUN
- Clarified the options (Option 1, Option 2 and Option 3) to incorporate a variance provision; the advantages and consequences of each option



- Public responses/comment letters
- Amendments to language and other proposed changes
- Gave background on Statewide Sources of Drinking Water Policy
- Public input received and Triennial Review

Public Comment:

Mr. Gene Lucero, Latham & Watkins
Ms. Heather Hoecherl, Heal the Bay

Board questions/concerns:

- Will option 2 require more time because permittees request a re-opener?
- What happens after two year period, since variance is only good for two years?

MOTION: To approve staff recommendation with change sheets.

First: Board Member Susan Cloke
Second: Board member Maribel Marin
Vote: Approved by unanimous vote.

Closed Session: 12:35

Reconvened: 1:45

Item 19. The Boeing Company, Santa Susana Field Laboratory

Staff Report. Cassandra Owens.

- Monitoring and Reporting Programs have been updated
- Discharger is the sole commenter for this permit

Public Comment:

Ms. Sharon Rubalcava, Representing The Boeing Company
Dr. Susan Paulsen, Flow Science, Representing The Boeing Company
Mr. Richard Haimann, Representing The Boeing Company
Ms. Christina Walsh, Cleanup Rocketdyne Organization
Ms. Elizabeth Crawford, Physicians for Social Responsibility
Mr. Brian Lindquist, Physicians for Social Responsibility

Board questions/concerns:

- Asked staff to respond to Boeings request to modify the effluent limits in the permit
- Is cadmium the only metal constituent?
- Is Boeing considered a “point source”?
- Respond to the allegation that Boeing cannot comply?
- Has Boeing made any really effort to comply?
- How many metals in the current permit that Boeing was not able to meet limits on in the first permit?



- Do we know the source of the nutrients?
- Are there better BMPs or is there a better process to get into compliance?
- Asked for clarification that there is a compliance schedule in the nutrient TMDL?

MOTION: To approve staff recommendation with change sheets.

First: Chair David Nahai

Second: Board Member Susan Cloke

Vote: Approved by unanimous vote

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:20 p.m. Minutes adopted at the April 6, 2006 meeting.

Written and submitted by: _____

